President: I happen to have drafted it myself.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Then you can refresh your memory.....

President: The honourable member may raise the question during discussion time.

Paddy Cultivation.

49. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of paddy purchased by Government within the State in 1119;

(*b*) whether they have any scheme in view for direct cultivation of paddy in the hilly areas;

(*c*) the acreage of Government lands leased out for paddy cultivation in 1119; and

(*d*) whether they have adopted measures to import cattle from British India?

Mr. K. R. Naravana Aiyar: (*a*) 98,02,783 paras and $2\frac{3}{8}$ Edangalies till 21-12-1119.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) 295 acres were taken on lease out of 1,266 acres made available.

(*d*) Action has been taken.

Representations from Agriculturists.

50. ***Mr. K. Shahul Hameed** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from agriculturists praying that they may be exempted from the sale of paddy to Government in view of the very poor crop this time consequent on the failure of rain; and

(*b*) whether Government propose to take any step with a view to redress their grievance?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Concessions in the sale of quota of paddy to Government are allowed on the basis of the Press Note dated 1-9-1943.

Students in Hostels—Supply of rice.

51. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the students in the Hostels are supplied ration rice alone;

(*b*) if not, what all things are rationed out for the use of the inmates of the hostels;

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(*c*) whether they have received complaints that the students in the hostels at Trivandrum are supplied bad rice ; and

(*d*) whether it is possible to supply good paddy or rice to them at least?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Hostels are being supplied with rice, wheat (including wheat products) and maize or bajra.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*c*) above.

Import of Ghee and Butter into Travancore.

52. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any reports from the ghee and butter merchants of Alleppey or other places complaining that import of ghee and butter into Travancore is prohibited by Cochin and British India ; and

(*b*) if so, when and what action has been taken on such complaints till now ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Madras Government have been addressed for a quota.

Victoria Hospital, Quilon.

53. ***Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of beds available for inpatients in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon ; and

(*b*) the number of inpatients treated in the said Hospital in 1119 ?

Dr. S. John : (*a*) 61.

(*b*) 6,980.

Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai : May I know from the honourable member whether he proposes to increase the .....

President : Order, order. Future action cannot be questioned.

Grant-in-aid Rural Dispensaries.

54. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath** (*Parur, Kunnathunad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of grant-in-aid Rural Dispensaries working in the State ; and

(*b*) whether any provision has been made this year to start new grant-in-aid Rural Dispensaries ?

Dr. S. John : (*a*) Two.

(*b*) No.

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